THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Disciplinary action has been initiated against Major General PSK Chaudary, Brigadier Iqbal Singh and Colonel Anil Sahgal; and Administrative action against Major General Manjit Singh Ahluwalia and Lt. Colonel B.B. Sharma. Administrative action against Major General Stanam Singh has since been finalized and awarded 'Censure'.

Expenditure on Defence *Vis-a-Vis* Central Government expenditure

783. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total Defence spending with respect to Central Government expenditure in 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(b) what would be the total Defence spending in India that includes funding on pensions and para military forces, expenditure on nuclear and space research?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Defence spending as a proportion of the Central Government expenditure during the three years is as under:

Year	Defence spending as a proporation of CGE
2000-2001	15.24%
2001-2002 (RE)	15.64%
2002-2003 (BE)	15.84%

As per the budget and accounting practices, allocations given in the Defence Services Estimates are only considered as Defence spending, which is Rs. 65,000 crores for the current financial year. Expenditure pertaining Defence Pensions forms part of Ministry of Defence (Civil) budget and is covered under the Demand for Grant No. 16. Similarly, the expenditure on Central Para military Forces is covered under the Demand for Grant No. 47 of Ministry of Home Affairs. Expenditure on Defence R&D projects is included under the Defence Services Estimates referred to above.